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**US Environmental Protection Agency
Report as of April 2, 2019 1500 EDT**

Overview: Region 6 was notified about a fire and explosion at a chemical facility (KMCO) in Crosby, TX by EPA personnel responding to the ITC incident. According to news sources, the fire started around 10:30 CDT. KMCO is a specialty chemical manufacturer that produces custom chemical blends for various customers. Their Risk Management Plan (RMP) indicates they have several RMP regulated substances, some flammables and toxics including ethyl chloride, ethylene oxide, sulfur dioxide, formaldehyde, ammonia, propylene oxide, and isobutylene (2-methylpropene). News reports are saying that isobutylene started the explosion/fire, and that employees had difficulty evacuating because exit gates were locked. The media is also reporting two injuries and one death. Four schools in the area haven been locked down and established shelter in place. Highway 90 has been shut down in both directions.

State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action: Harris County Fire Marshall's Office, Harris County Sheriff's Office, and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are responding.

EPA Actions: A Region 6 OSC is in route. ASPECT was activated and conducted its first flyover at 1300. TAGA has also been activated

Media Interest: High

<https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/lakehouston/article/Fire-reported-at-KMCO-chemical-plant-in-Crosby-13735191.php>

<https://abc13.com/live-coverage-deadly-kmco-chemical-plant-fire-in-crosby/5230466/>

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/crosby-fire-these-are-the-videos-photos-people-are-sharing-on-social-media>

<https://abc7.com/chemical-plant-fire-burning-in-crosby/5230466/>

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provide updates as needed

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